

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE NOTICE OF PURCHASED GAS	)	
ADJUSTMENT FILING OF NATURAL	)	CASE NO. 2003-00467
ENERGY UTILITY CORPORATION	)	

O R D E R

On December 18, 1991, in Case No. 1991-00138, the Commission approved rates for Natural Energy Utility Corporation ("Natural Energy"), formerly American Natural Gas Corporation, and provided for their further adjustment in accordance with Natural Energy's gas cost adjustment ("GCA").

On December 4, 2003, Natural Energy filed its proposed GCA to be effective January 1, 2004.

After reviewing the record in this case and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that:

1. Natural Energy's notice includes revised rates designed to pass on to its customers its expected change in wholesale gas costs.
2. Natural Energy proposed an expected gas cost ("EGC") of \$5.9676 per Mcf. Natural Energy incorrectly adjusted its EGC for line loss. Correcting for this error produces an EGC of \$5.9664, which is 12.66 cents per Mcf less than the previous EGC of \$6.0930.
3. Natural Energy's notice sets out no current quarter supplier refund adjustment ("RA"). Natural Energy's notice sets out no total RA.

4. Natural Energy's notice sets out a current quarter Actual Adjustment ("AA") of (2.53) cents per Mcf. Natural Energy did not correctly calculate its total cost difference. Correcting for this produces a current quarter AA of (3.72) cents per Mcf. Natural Energy's total AA is \$1.1152, which is 4.53 cents per Mcf less than the previous total AA.

5. Natural Energy's GCA is \$7.0816 per Mcf, which is 17.19 cents per Mcf less than the previous GCA of \$7.2535.

6. The rates in the Appendix to this Order are fair, just, and reasonable, and should be approved for billing for service rendered by Natural Energy on and after January 1, 2004.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The rates proposed by Natural Energy are denied.
2. The rates in the Appendix, attached hereto and incorporated herein, are approved for billing for service rendered on and after January 1, 2004.
3. Within 20 days of the date of this Order, Natural Energy shall file with the Commission its revised tariffs setting out the rates authorized herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2003.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

## APPENDIX

### APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2003-00467 DATED December 16, 2003

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers in the area served by Natural Energy Utility Corporation. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under authority of this Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

#### RATES:

<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Base Rate</u>	<u>Gas Cost Recovery Rate</u>	<u>Total Rate</u>
All Mcf	\$4.24	\$7.0816	\$11.3216

#### Minimum Bill

The minimum bill shall be \$11.3216